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HAPPY NOTES *at home*

for the Vineyard Church family



A New Senior High Pastor

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Introducing Leah

As of June 1st, Leah Wenger has come on staff as our new Senior High pastor. Leah and her husband Ben (a computer engineer) are in the process of resettling from Kansas City to this community.



One of Our Own

The amazing thing about Leah is that she grew up in this church. She was an outstanding participant in our youth ministry and was even better as a youth worker during her college years. Because she comes from our roots, she understands our style and philosophy of ministry. In addition, she is absolutely committed to the foundation of the Kingdom of God, continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ, and partnering with the Holy Spirit. Just as important, she and Hank Sanford seem to make an outstanding pair as they work together with our Junior and Senior High students.

Importance of Youth

We believe that the Holy Spirit is leading us to increase our focus on our youth ministries. This is a critical age in which we must invest more time, energy and resources. By adding a quality second pastor, we believe we will be able to minister even more effectively. Our goal is that every person in this age category will grow to their full potential, find church a great experience, and form a solid foundation for the rest of their lives.

Big Plans Ahead

We believe the time is right for youth ministries to positively explode. The youth of our generation seem to be looking everywhere for answers. We believe the church has the best answers, both for now and the long run.

Our goal is to work with Hank and Leah to see the youth ministry expand from its current 200-300 to over 500 in a few years. We believe this can be done through the power of the Holy Spirit, continuing the ministry of Jesus, and creating a great environment for our students.

We also want to deeply involve parents and other interested individuals. We realize that the job of raising godly teens has many aspects. We, the church, want to provide strong help to parents, grandparents, and others who are vitally interested in this age group.

Final Thoughts

Please be praying that our youth ministry catches a fresh wave of the Holy Spirit. Also pray for Hank and Leah as they lead in the days ahead. In addition, please go out of your way to make Leah and Ben feel like they are part of this church and very welcome.

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